

Executive Registry

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20 November 1962

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Honorable Leverett Saltonstall
United States Senate
1703 Federal Building
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Senator Saltonstall:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation of yesterday, I have had our Office of Current Intelligence prepare the attached memorandum (OCI #3834/62) with regard to Cuban Military activity in the area around Guantanamo.

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In view of the classification of this memorandum, I have asked [redacted] to deliver this personally to you. I would appreciate your reading it and returning the memorandum [redacted]

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If there is any additional information you would like, we stand ready to provide it.

Faithfully yours,

(EXECUTIVE REGISTRY FILE) *Carter*

Marshall S. Carter
Lieutenant General, USA
Deputy Director

Attachment

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OCI No. 3834/62

**CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
Office of Current Intelligence
20 November 1962**

CURRENT INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Cuban Military Activity in Area Around US Naval Base

1. Photographic reconnaissance missions over Cuba have paid particular attention to the area around the US Naval Base at Guantanamo Bay. A review of the information from this source between [redacted] reveals a significant amount of Cuban military activity within a 20 nautical mile radius of the base, but most if not all of the activity is of a defensive nature.
2. An anti-tank ditch was under construction on the north-west side of the bay in [redacted] and work on its extension proceeded sporadically [redacted]. Additional anti-tank ditches were also built northeast of the bay during these months. 25X1
3. [redacted] three four-gun field artillery positions with support areas for each battery were built approximately ten miles northwest of the base. [redacted] several additional such positions were established and they were being revetted. 25X1
4. [redacted] eight newly constructed large gun emplacements or tank firing positions were noted in a wooded area 5.5 nautical miles north of the north-east corner of the base. The positions were unoccupied. A number of small personnel trenches appear, mainly near the anti-tank ditch and around some of the artillery emplacements.
5. [redacted] all these positions were observed to be inundated, presumably as a result of the heavy rains that had been occurring. Five days later they were no longer inundated, but appeared still unoccupied.
6. The most recent information provides no evidence of the construction of any offensive missile sites or other activity of a potentially offensive character within the 20 nautical mile radius of the base.

7. Photographic reconnaissance mission [redacted] 25X1
reveal that the surface-to-air missile (SAM) site closest--about
13 nautical miles--to the base has apparently been abandoned.
A new site about ten miles farther from the base is under con-
struction, probably utilizing the equipment taken from the 25X1
abandoned site.

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